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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached hereto is a PTO-1449 form listing documents believed relevant to the subject application. It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the Examiner and an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned to the undersigned.

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It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 707.05(b). If for some reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is

respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

A copy of each document is enclosed.

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